

HOUSE BILL 966

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to student discipline.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3401, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(i)

(1) A principal, principal-teacher or assistant principal of any public school in this state shall suspend any pupil from attendance at the school, including its sponsored activities, or from riding a school bus, for the following:

(A) Assaulting a principal, teacher, school bus driver or other school personnel with vulgar, obscene or threatening language; or

(B) Violence or threatened violence against a principal, teacher, school bus driver or other school personnel.

(2) Any suspension required by this subsection (i) shall begin immediately upon conclusion of any action required by subsection (c) and shall not prevent a school from complying with the requirements of subsection (c).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3401, is further amended by deleting subdivisions (a)(9) and (a)(3) in their entirety and by appropriately redesignating the subsequent subdivisions.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.